

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

It appears that our Summer weather is hit and miss this year - hopefully August will be more hit than miss! The rivers are still running very fast, cold, and high. Please be extremely careful and wear a life vest if you decide to play in one of the local rivers.

July had some wonderful events like the Country Livin' Festival and Sandblast. We look forward to even more great events in August. The Duvall Rotary Evergreen State BBQ Championship is August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in the Safeway parking lot. Movies in the Park returns August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Duvall Farmers Market continues to run through September, and the final two SummerStage concerts are August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for these wonderful community events. They're a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet up with neighbors, and support local businesses & community organizations.

As you may have noticed, Cherry Valley Elementary and Cedarcrest High School have both had some pretty major construction going on this summer. Some of that work has changed the access to the schools. So before school starts on September 6<sup>th</sup>, take a drive up to the schools and familiarize yourself with the changes. Also, if you or someone you know is involved in Sno Valley Youth Soccer, please make sure you're aware of the construction at Cherry Valley Elementary since some of the older-age groups practice there.

Have a great August!

Sincerely,  
Will Ibershof

## Cops Corner - Teens & Alcohol



Teenage drinking continues to prevail across this country. While we usually witness the "ugly end" of teenage alcohol consumption, we thought it would be beneficial to share some resources for our Duvall teens and parents. It's all about two-way communication and understanding the consequences – consequences that can destroy a life in a moment. News-time stories about teens and alcohol continue to prevail. While on the surface our community may not seem to parallel the national statistics, our teens face the same problems and the same pressures. In that spirit, we are providing you some valuable links and information below.

Underage Drinking Challenges American Youth  
(Taken from George Washington University  
Medical Center's website)

First use of alcohol typically begins around age 13. By their senior year, 64 percent of high school students say they have been drunk at least once; 33 percent say they have been drunk in the past month.

Among teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 who say they drink heavily (five or more drinks on five or more occasions in the past month); 77 percent had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year; 63 percent had built up tolerance to the effects of alcohol; 20 percent reported psychological problems related to their drinking; 12 percent reported health problems related to their drinking.

Teenagers who drink heavily are more likely to cut class or skip school, perform poorly in school, take sexual risks, and commit suicide. Heavy drinking increases the likelihood of delinquent and violent behavior including running away from home, fighting, vandalizing property, stealing and getting arrested.

Visit the Alcohol Cost Calculator for Kids to find out more about serious alcohol problems among youth:  
<http://www.alcoholcostcalculator.org/kids/>

For more information and resources go to:

<http://www.ensuringsolutions.org/>

<http://www.thecoolspot.gov/>

<http://www.pamf.org/teen/parents/risk/alcohol.html>

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MOVIES IN THE PARK AT MCCORMICK PARK

Seating starts at 7:00p.m.

Movie starts at dusk

August 6<sup>th</sup>

*The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

August 13<sup>th</sup>

*The Spy Next Door*



FREE POPCORN / FREE ADMISSION!

[www.moviesinduvall.com](http://www.moviesinduvall.com)

## READING WATER METERS IS EASY, RIGHT?

Reading a water meter looks pretty easy. You could probably read your water meter in a matter of minutes. But how about reading over 2400 meters! Our Public Works Crew reads all of the water meters in the City of Duvall's service area each month. Your water meter is read about the same time every month, usually the last full week of the month, give or take a day or two, depending on weekends and holidays.



If something is blocking access to the water meter, you will receive a door hanger along with a copy of the door hanger mailed to you. This door hanger will inform you that the water meter needs to be cleared of any obstructions within 14 days or the Public Works Crew will clear the area and you will be invoiced for the cost. This way we only pass on the cost to only those customers it affects.

### How Do They Collect All of Those Meter Readings?

Most of the meters within our service area are now radio read meters. These allow the Public Works Crew to drive by your meter and the meter read will automatically download into the billing system. Your meter reads end in 00. This system rounds the consumption down to the nearest 100 cf. This allows for greater accuracy and will help free up the Public Works Crew to take care of other City responsibilities.

### What Does a Meter Reading Look Like?

The City of Duvall has 2 types of meters that are read; touch to read meters and radio read meters. All meters have a register that looks much like the odometer in your car. The meter reading is read in cubic feet. (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons). The billing system is programmed to take this meter reading, calculate the correct water usage and then charge the customer according to usage.

Monthly meter reading is only a small part of what our Public Works Crew does each month. They are an important link with the Utility Billing Department for new connections, as well as when water service needs to be turned on or discontinued at an address. So, as you can tell, they are a very busy and important part of the City.

## DUVALL RECEIVES HIGH GRADE OF "AA"

The City of Duvall is in the process refinancing Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds for interest cost savings. As part of the process for preparing the bond sale, the City decided to pursue an "underlying bond rating grade" from the national rating agency of Standard & Poor's.

The City was recently notified that the underlying bond rating grade is "AA" from Standard & Poor's. "This is better than we expected," according to Mayor Will Ibershof "This bond rating grade reflects that City of Duvall is very well-managed and has strong financial practices and policies in place for the benefit of our ratepayers."

According to Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director, "The City received the bond rating grade of "AA" based on strong financial practices and policies; strength of the local economy; strong debt service coverage and reserves; small amount of outstanding debt; and experienced management in operating the City in an efficient manner."

"We understand that this is quite an accomplishment for a system of our size to achieve such a high rating grade of "AA" according to Finance Director Jill Long. The AA is the third highest rating grade in the Standard & Poor's multi-tier grading system, which signifies to investors that there is very low risk of default on the Bonds. The higher the rating grade then the lower the interest cost. The Refinancing Bond will achieve a Total Net Savings of \$200,000, which is an annual savings of \$25,000 per year for the remaining 8 years.

The City's staff of Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director; Jill Long, Finance Director; Lara Thomas, Planning Manager; along with Jim Nelson, Bond Underwriter for Martin Nelson & Company participated in a conference call with Standard & Poor's, which dealt with the topics of management, finances, local economy, policies, and long-term planning.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> : City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

**August 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.